

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2844 – SB 2818

March 26, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015195): Amends Section 1 of the original bill. Authorizes the election commission, in municipal elections not held in conjunction with any other election, to designate a polling place outside the precinct it serves but closest to the geographic precinct within the limits of the municipality.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Expenditures - \$16,000/ FY12-13
\$87,900/FY13-14 and Every Two Years
\$17,500/FY14-15 and Every Two Years

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Nine municipalities in seven counties across the state will be affected.
- Each affected municipality will see a savings as polling places serving only a few voters will not be required to open. These voters will vote at a designated polling place outside the precinct but closest to the geographic precinct within the limits of the municipality.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, election officials send voters to the closest precinct in the normal course of business.
- In FY12-13 and every two years, the decrease in local expenditures will be \$16,000 [Sullivan County (\$8,000), Hamblen County (\$3,000), and Lake County (\$5,000)].
- In FY13-14 and every two years, the decrease in local expenditures will be \$87,930 [Coffee County (\$1,200), Knox County (\$45,000), and Rutherford County (\$41,730)].
- In FY14-15 and every two years thereafter, the decrease in local expenditures for Hawkins County will be \$1,500. The total decrease in local expenditures in FY14-15 and every two years will be \$17,500 (\$16,000 + \$1,500).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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